

REPORT TO THE TRUST BOARD (PUBLIC)

REPORT TITLE	EPRR Annual Report and Core Standards
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DATE OF MEETING	12 October 2021
PRESENTED FOR	Decision
ITEM PREVIOUSLY CONSIDERED BY	Emergency Preparedness Committee

Presented For: Definitions

Information	For information only. Not to be discussed at meeting unless members have specific questions.
Discussion	For discussion and possibly future decision. This includes items presented for assurance.
Decision	For approval and/or when any other decision is required

PURPOSE OF THE REPORT

To appraise the Board of Directors on the Trust's level of compliance with the NHS England EPRR Core Standards of assurance for 2021, and provide the Annual Report on EPRR activity over the previous year.
The Board are asked to approve both documents and their release to the CCG and NHS England

RISKS RELEVANT TO THE PAPER

Risk ID	Risk Description	
102171	Fuel shortage	moderate
379	Severe weather	moderate
374	Major internal emergency	low
328	Influenza pandemic	low
378	Severe staff shortages	low
377	Activation of the major incident (mass casualty) plan	moderate
798	Activation of an explosive device on Trust premises	low
613	Flooding to Trust premises (external source)	low
102172	Contamination of premises/staff with chemical or radioactive substances	low
102931	Services/staff affected by UK exit from the EU	low
103088	Covid-19: risk of mortality of patients and staff, and inability to fully function as a hospital during the pandemic	significant
103356	Risk of reduced compliance with current and tested Business Continuity Plans	moderate

RISK APPETITE RELEVANT TO THE PAPER (insert relevant section from Risk Appetite Statement from Risk Management Policy)

DOMAIN	TRUST RISK APPETITE LEVEL	DESCRIPTION OF RISK APPETITE
Financial/ Value for Money (VfM)	Open - Willing to consider all potential delivery options and choose while also providing an acceptable level of reward (and VfM)	Prepared to invest for return and minimise the possibility of financial loss by managing the risks to a tolerable level. Value and benefits considered (not just cheapest price). Resources allocated in order to capitalise on opportunities.

THE BOARD IS ASKED TO:

1. Review and approve both documents and their release to the CCG and NHS England
2.

STRATEGIC GOALS THIS REPORT SUPPORTS (Check all that apply)

Delivering outstanding care and experience	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Recruiting developing and retaining our workforce	<input type="checkbox"/>
Improving and developing our services and infrastructure	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Working together with local health and social care providers	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Delivering financial sustainability	<input type="checkbox"/>

OTHER IMPLICATIONS OF THE PAPER

Legal/ Regulatory Relevance:	Civil Contingencies Act 2004 NHS England EPRR Annual Core Standards Assurance
NHS Constitution Delivery	Not applicable
Freedom of Information Release	This report can be released under the Freedom of information Act 2000

Equality and Diversity Implications (Check all that apply)

Age	Gender	Ethnicity	Disability	Pregnancy/ Maternity	Marriage/ Civil Partnership	Religion/ Belief	Sexual Orientation	Gender Reassignment
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Additional comments								

1. EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

1.1 As a 'Category One responder', alongside the emergency services, under the terms of the Civil Contingencies Act (2004) the Trust's level of emergency preparedness is annually assessed by NHS England. The assessment is in the form of self-assessment against a set of 69 standards, which is then subject to peer review and where necessary on-site inspection. There is additionally a different 'deep dive' subject each year, although the ratings for this do not count towards the overall compliance rating achieved.

1.2 Once agreed, the assessment results will be submitted to the Clinical Commissioning Group (CCG) for review and submission to the NHS England regional EPRR team for peer review. The final award will then be disseminated to the organisation and the results forwarded to NHS England nationally.

1.3 As per the terms of the Civil Contingencies Act the Core Standards and Annual Report will then need to be tabled at the public Board meeting in October.

2. NHS England Emergency Preparedness, Resilience & Response (EPRR) 2021 Core Standards Assessment

2.1 The 2021 EPRR Core Standards have been assessed by the Head of Resilience & Emergency Preparedness (HREP) and reviewed by the Accountable Emergency Officer. The assessment is per organisation and so is a combined assessment covering all three Trust sites. The HREP has assessed 68 of the 69 required standards as fully compliant for the organisation.

2.2 There is one standard relating to sufficient numbers of staff being available on each shift in the Emergency Departments (ED) who are fully trained in decontamination procedures in the event of an incident involving hazardous materials. Because of the restrictions imposed by the pandemic in 2020, and operational pressures within the EDs, the training programme wasn't able to be delivered to its full extent, and thus currently there are not enough staff trained to be resilient on each shift, so this standard has been assessed as 'partially compliant'. The Deputy EPRR Lead has a training schedule in place throughout September and October in conjunction with the EDs which will result in the required number being trained.

2.3 The CCG have conducted a peer review with the HREP and the Accountable Emergency Officer, and will propose to NHS England that given the short timescale for the shortfall to be rectified, the standard can be deemed as 'fully compliant'.

2.4 If NHS England agree to the CCG's suggestion then the Trust will be able to claim 'full compliance' with all 69 standards.

3. Annual Report 2021

The Annual Report reflects the commitment of the HREP and Deputy EPRR Lead to the covid-19 Incident co-ordination Centre throughout 2020 and 2021, and includes a detailed report on the EPRR activities relating to the structural risk at the Hinchingsbrooke site.

4. Approval

The Hospital Management Committee is asked to approve the assessed response to the standards, and confirm the suggested rating of 'full compliance' for the organisation subject to agreement from NHS England.

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